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## **POSTAL SERVICE**

## 39 CFR Part 111

Deferral of Compliance Date: Full-Service Intelligent Mail Barcode
Requirement to Qualify for Automation Prices

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Final rule; partial deferral of compliance date.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice that it is deferring the previously-announced compliance date of January 26, 2014, for mailers to use full-service Intelligent Mail<sup>®</sup> to qualify for automation prices when mailing First-Class Mail<sup>®</sup>, Standard Mail<sup>®</sup>; Periodicals<sup>®</sup>, and Bound Printed Matter<sup>®</sup> mailpieces.

**DATES:** The compliance date of the relevant portions of the final rule published April 18, 2013 (78 FR 23137) is delayed indefinitely.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In Order No. 1890 (November 21, 2013), the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) determined that the price changes proposed in Docket No. R2013-10 could take effect as scheduled only if the Postal Service elected to defer the requirement for mailers to use full-service Intelligent Mail to qualify for automation prices.

Consistent with this Order, the United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that the January 26, 2014, deadline to comply with the full-service Intelligent Mail requirements to qualify for automation prices, previously

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published on April 18, 2013, in a final rule in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 23137-23149), is deferred until further notice. Specifically, this deferral applies to the requirements specified in DMM 233.5.1 (First-Class commercial letters and cards); DMM 243.6.1.2, 243.6.4.1, 243.6.5.1, and 243.7.1 (Standard Mail letters); DMM 333.5.1 (First-Class automation flats); DMM 343.7.1 (Standard Mail automation flats); DMM 363.4.1 and 363.6.1 (Bound Printed Matter flats); DMM 705.24.1 (advanced preparation and special postage payment systems); and

All other requirements that were published in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 23137-23149) will be implemented on January 26, 2014.

DMM 707.13.4, 707.14.1, and 707.14.2 (Periodicals). See, 78 FR 23146-23148.

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